

# 2012 - 2013 Family Application for Breakfast, Lunch and Afterschool Snacks/Meals

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Return application to youngest child's school. Questions? Please call the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 202-442-5112. Incomplete applications will consider the whole household, even if the students go to different schools. Print neatly. Use dark blue or black ink.

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# 2012-13 D.C. Public Schools Family Application for Breakfast, Lunch and Afterschool Snacks/Meals

Dear DCPS Parent/Guardian:

Your child's school offers nutritious, appetizing breakfasts and lunches each school day through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; most schools also offer a light supper to students attending afterschool programming. The DCPS Family Application for Breakfast, Lunch and Afterschool Snacks/Meals (FARM) supports the DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services providing students with high-quality meals through federal meal reimbursement.

For school year 2012-13, 88 DCPS schools have been certified as Provision 2 or Provision 4 status, allowing *all children at those schools to receive lunch meals at no charge*. Breakfast and afterschool supper are free for all students. Households in which all students attend Provision 2 or 4 schools are not required to submit a FARM application for 2012-13. For a list of Provision 2 and 4 schools, please see www.dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/foodservices.

Please complete *one* application for *all students* in your household every school year, even if they attend different DCPS schools. **If you receive more than one application, please complete one and submit it to your youngest child's school.** You may also complete your household application online through a secure e-form available at the DCPS Food Service page.

All students classified as "reduced" will receive free lunch meals. Elementary students classified as "paid" or who have not submitted a FARM application for 2011-12 will be charged \$2.00 for lunch. Secondary students classified as "paid" or who have not submitted a FARM application for 2011-12 will be charged \$2.50 for lunch.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# -Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No. Complete one application for ALL students in your household. If you receive more than one application, please complete one and submit it to your youngest child's school.

#### -Who can aet free meals?

All children in households in which one or more members receive assistance from SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF can get free meals regardless of household income. Children can also qualify for free meals if their household gross income is within the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Children in households receiving WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

# -Can foster, homeless, runaway or migrant children get free meals?

Yes. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of household income. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway or migrant qualify for free meals.

## -My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one?

Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and until September 28, 2012. You must send in a new application unless your child attends a Provision 2 or 4 school.

# -In Part 1, who should I include as a member of my household?

You must include all people living in your household, related or not (e.g. grandparents, infants, friends) with whom you share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children who live with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

#### -Will the information I give be checked?

The information on the application may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send documentation to verify the information provided on the application.

# -If my child(ren) do not qualify for free or reduced price meals and I do not want to provide my information, do I still need to submit a meal application?

Yes. Complete Part 1, check the "REFUSAL OF BENEFITS" box in Part 2 and sign and date the form in Part 5. Return the form to your youngest child's school.

## -If my household income changes, may I reapply for meal benefits?

Yes. If the size of your household increases, someone in your household begins receiving state assistance, or if your household income increases or decreases you should reapply for meal benefits.

## -What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?

You should talk to school officials. You may also ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: DCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services, 1200 First Street NE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20002, telephone (202) 442-5112.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2012 - 2013										
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly							
1	\$20,665	\$1,723	\$398							
2	27,991	2,333	539							
3	35,317	2,944	680							
4	42,643	3,554	821							
5	49,969	4,165	961							
6	57,295	4,775	1,102							
7	64,621	5,386	1,243							
8	71,947	5,996	1,384							
Each additional person:	7,326	611	141							

# PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."